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## VOLUNTEER CO. IS ORGANIZED HERE

COMPANY ROSTER NOW CONTAINS OVER 100 NAMES. REGULAR SEMI-WEEKLY DRILLS ARE BEING HELD.

## MARK CHAFFEE IS CAPTAIN

Veteran of Spanish American War Selected to Head New Company. Eligibles to be Mustered In.

Paw Paw is the first of any place in Southwestern Michigan to organize a volunteer military company. A notice was given through the local press last week for a meeting to be held at the Racket Store on Friday evening for that purpose. Nearly two hundred citizens of Paw Paw and vicinity responded, and it was a most enthusiastic and patriotic meeting. Prof. Gottheimer, band leader and instructor hastily summoned the members of the high school band and added to the interest of the meeting with patriotic airs throughout the evening.

M. H. Young was called to the chair as master of ceremonies. Addresses were made by Mayor Glenn E. Warner, Mark Chaffee, A. F. Hulbert and others. The purpose of the meeting was explained, and Mark Chaffee unanimously elected as captain of the company. Fifty-five men signed their names to the roster at this meeting.

Captain Chaffee announced his selection of Bennett McKinstry as first lieutenant and Frank Miller second lieutenant. The roll was then called, and headed by the band the newly organized company went out on the pavement for their first drill.

The company met again on Tuesday evening for the second drill, when additional enrollments were made to bring the roster up to a total of ninety-seven. It is confidently expected that by another week, fully two hundred members will have joined the company.

Just as soon as the enrollment is sufficient to insure a full company of those who are eligible for enlistment they will be mustered into the service and the remaining portion of the company will continue to drill as part of the Michigan Home Guard, ready for any service at any time they are needed.

All the men and boys over eighteen of Paw Paw, the surrounding country

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## MEDICAL EXAMINATION

### FOR SUB-NORMAL STUDENTS

Another progressive step was taken by the Paw Paw School Board at a meeting on Wednesday. Doctors J. C. Maxwell and W. F. Hoyt were appointed school physician. The superintendent was instructed by the Board to send to these physicians at stated and definite hours all subnormal students for examination. Backwardness and dullness in students is often caused by some physical ailment or defect. The purpose of this plan is to determine all such defects and recommend the proper course of treatment. The True Northerner will have more to say on this subject in a latter issue.

The many Paw Paw friends of George Clark will grieve to learn that he was taken to the hospital again on Tuesday for a second operation. Charles Lake, father of Mrs. Clark went to Morenci to look after the home and farm interests while George is in the hospital.

Frank Shaefer and family returned last Sunday from Alabama where they have spent the winter. They made the trip by auto, and arrived all safe and sound. Frank's health has been greatly improved and he now looks and feels like his former self.

A tiny wee bit of a card received through the mails says "It's a Girl, Mary Patience. Born April 23rd, 1917. Weight 8 1/2 pounds. Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Sanford, Nee Eva Longwell, 109 3rd, street Jackson, Michigan." Grand Pa and Grand Ma Ed Longwell are feeling quite well thank you.

## RECEIVES PITIFUL LETTER FROM SISTER IN NORWAY.

The following clipping from a letter written by Mrs. Lillian Burt Ulness in Christiana, Norway on March 15th, to her brother Alva Burt of this place will give readers of The True Northerner some idea of the desperateness of the situation in the European countries. Mrs. Ulness was formerly a resident of the Paw Paw schools. She is a missionary in that country as is also her husband. They have a family of five children, and the sentiment expressed in the letter is indeed pitiful: "I have thought so much about you lately, but I have not written any letters to America since the German blockade last February, for the Norwegian Post has declined to receive mail to America for the ships had to lay up and there was no way of sending it. It is doubtful if you get this but I want to send you a few words, perhaps for the last time. For if America comes up in war, we small nations on this side of the water, must starve. We have neither food nor fuel for a third of the population. It is still cold with deep snow and we have so little to burn. We have been so glad as long as America kept out of it, but when New York harbor is closed for all boats from these small nations that get nearly all of our food from America, we will have nothing to eat, but in God we Trust."

## PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION MUST BE WATCHWORDS.

Governor Sleeper has issued a proclamation naming Friday, May 4th, as Arbor and Garden Day. He dwells upon the necessity this year of utilizing every available foot of ground, and most earnestly desires that both young and old throughout our state may be impressed with the needs of the situation, and may be stimulated not only to plant trees, as has been the custom on Arbor Day, but to plant their garden plots with potatoes, corn and beans and other nutritious vegetables. We are threatened with the greatest shortage in our history, he says, and it may be that disaster can be averted only by utilizing for planting purposes every available foot of ground. PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION—These should be our two great watchwords this year, urges the Governor.

A letter received from F. A. Weston thanks The True Northerner for the flag, and compliments us on the editorial page. Old Glory is flying quite generally there he says, and many are enlisting. Two of their best physicians he says have gone into the service. Roses are in bloom there and farmers are digging potatoes and getting \$10.00 per barrel for them. Mr. and Mrs. Weston expect to make a business trip to Michigan this summer and will spend a few days with their Paw Paw friends.

The Paw Paw High School band made a big hit in the patriotic parade and mass meeting in Kalamazoo last Friday night. The spirit in which the leader and members of the organization tendered their services without charge is commendable and will not be forgotten by the hosts of Kalamazoo.

For anything in the building line, see Free and Mutchler. Estimates on anything you contemplate building cheerfully furnished without cost. Lath and plaster, cement blocks, roofing, interior finish, oak and maple flooring, in fact we carry everything you will need no matter what you are building.

A letter from Rev. F. A. Shape states that he and his are well and prospering. He likes the new location at Butler, Indiana very much and states that he has a fine church with a large and rapidly increasing membership. He will deliver the baccalaureate address to the graduating class of that city this year.

The business places of Paw Paw to show their loyalty and patriotism have all agreed to close their places of business on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 P. M. to permit employees and proprietors to enlist in the volunteer company and participate in the drill.

Mrs. M. L. Decker was in Chicago for a few days last week.

## PATRIOTIC MASS MEETING

Paw Paw Plans Grand Patriotic Demonstration at the Opera House To-night.

Standing room will undoubtedly be at a premium at the Opera House tonight for the big patriotic mass meeting. The committees appointed by Mayor Warner have been working faithfully to perfect the arrangements and hope to make this demonstration one long to be remembered in Paw Paw.

The speakers of the evening are Hon. Dallas Boudeman and Colonel E. M. Irish of Kalamazoo, two of the best orators in the state, and our own Olivia J. C. Woodman. The High school band will play, and the committee on music are arranging an elaborate program of patriotic music. Two of the selections to be rendered are songs recently composed by Mr. Boudeman one of the speakers. Mrs. Francis Duncombe Riley has consented to sing and Mrs. Maud Sellick will preside at the piano.

A military parade will precede the meeting. Veterans of the Civil War will participate and will have the place of honor in the line of march. Seats will be reserved for them at the Opera House.

The Paw Paw Volunteer company will assemble at the Racket Store at 7:15 P. M. sharp. The band will lead, followed next in line by Broadhead Post G. A. R., then the newly organized company Boy Scouts and citizens who care to participate.

Many from the neighboring villages have signified their intention of being present and the meeting will be a notable one. Everybody is welcome. Let there be a great profusion of flags in the village throughout the day, and a record breaking crowd at the Opera House for the mass meeting.

## WHAT THE HEADLINES SAY

Headlines Clipped from the Metropolitan Dailies just as we go to Press

United States Gunners Sink Submarine; Need to fire only one shot at 1,000 yards; Periscope carried away by the first shell from American ship; Gun used is named "Theodore Roosevelt" so Teddy fired first shot of war after all, commander comments.

Draft Bill Sure to Pass; Poll shows opposition by Clark and others will be defeated.

Balfour says Allies seek no Treaties; Word of Wilson enough to insure War will be carried out.

British in Hot Fight Advance; Gain slowly but surely in attack from St. Quentin to Cambrai, Haig reports.

German Ships shell Dunkirk; Coast batteries and Patrol drive enemy off; French Torpedo boat sunk; British admit forty more vessels lost.

Want Farmer Boys on Farms; Development bureaus have plan to get efficient help from towns; Conference in Lansing Decides to boost acreage all over Michigan.

Fifth of Michigan War Quota Filled; State enlists 1,072 of required 5,620; Indiana has record for entire nation.

Tax Us Hard. Rich Men ask; Committee visits capital in move to cut incomes to \$100,000; Poor cannot stand heavier financial burdens, says Amos Pinchot.

U. S. Flag blessed by Bishop Kelley; Impressive scenes mark ceremony in St. Josephs Church, Kalamazoo; "Old Glory" symbol of Liberty which must be Universal" declares Prelate.

Public Expose Smashes "Paper Egg" price plot; Drop of three cents follows inquiry started by U. S. Office.

U. S. takes place of Britain as Allies Banker; Lends \$200,000,000 as starter; Other relief is to follow.

## Proclamation by the Mayor

In compliance with the request of Governor Albert E. Sleeper, I hereby designate Tuesday, May 1st, and Wednesday May 2nd, 1917, as "Clean-up" days. I enthusiastically urge that accumulated litter be removed from yards and alleys and we thus "Do our bit" not only to decrease the death rate in our commonwealth from contagious diseases, but also "make Michigan fire proof." Dated, April 25th, 1917. Glenn E. Warner President of the Village of Paw Paw.

The Popular Hat Shop will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings of each week. (adv)

Wolfe and Warner report the sale of several more automobiles during the week. Their business is increasing rapidly.

The True Northerner advertises an auction sale for Eugene Smith of Lawrence this week. The sale will be at Henry Maynard farm on Tuesday May 1st. Space in this issue gives the list of articles and details of the sale.

Uncle Nathaniel Bangs suffered a slight stroke the first of the week, but is much improved and we hope will soon be out again.

Mrs. Rheta Nash was hostess to about thirty ladies of the M. E. church last Friday. A very enjoyable time was reported by the guests.

Frank Holcomb has been appointed rural carrier on route No. six from the Paw Paw office to succeed Louis Dorsterwitz who resigned to accept a position with the Free and Mutchler Lumber company.

## CAMP ESTABLISHED FOR TRAINING ARMY OFFICERS.

The United States Government has established an Officers Reserve Corps Training Camp at Fort Sheridan, Ill., and will begin on May 8th, start training men to be officers in the U. S. army. Attendance will be limited as follows:—Reserve officers of the line and engineers; members of the reserve officers training corps who are not less than twenty years and nine months old; and other cadet students of minimum age; graduates of military schools, and other citizens of the same minimum and forty-four years as maximum age who are candidates for commissions in the Officers Reserve Corps in the Infantry, Cavalry, Field Artillery, Engineers and Coast Artillery branches. In the event that the applicant for commission in a line section has no military training or military training of little value, he may nevertheless be recommended for commission, provided he is a college graduate or a senior in college, or clearly a well educated man, provided he has demonstrated in business, athletics, or other activity that he possesses to an unusual degree, his ability to handle men. All expenses incident to attendance will be borne by the government.

Frank Miller, lieutenant in the newly organized company of volunteers has been selected as chairman of the local committee having this branch of the service in charge. For information and preliminary examination apply to him either at the Grape Juice factory or at his residence.

## EDWIN WOODMAN NOW HAS FINE FARM OF 240 ACRES.

The Edson Woodman estate has been settled under a provision of law, whereby the beneficiaries named in the will can reach an agreement as to the distribution of property. Under the agreement Edwin Woodman was given the eighty acres adjoining his farm, and the widow the home eighty acres. The remainder was given the daughters to be equally divided. Since the settlement Ed Woodman has purchased the home eighty acres of Mrs. Woodman, which now makes him a farm of two hundred and forty acres, one of the best in the state. Clara Woodman has purchased the Butler property in Paw Paw and will make the village her home.

Rev. I. P. Bates remains very ill in the hospital in Kalamazoo. He has a most serious case of blood poisoning. It is hoped however that his rugged constitution will assist him to win the fight and mingle with his friends here again for many years to come.

Mrs. Sarah Hulbert, for many years a resident of Paw Paw died here last Sunday. The funeral was held from the home on Wednesday afternoon. She was a sister of our townsman Ira Hulbert.

A new well is being driven at the Water Works station. Contractor Frank P. Rust of Detroit, an experienced well man is in charge of the work. It is confidently expected that the new well will provide an adequate supply of water for every one.

Ed and Jim O'Grady were in Kalamazoo on Tuesday to meet the representative of the celebrated "Style Plus" Clothing company, and make selections for their trade. Bert McLeod and Robert Cavanaugh had charge of the store during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cummings entertained her brother Dr. C. C. Bruce of New York City last week. Doctor Bruce is president of the Denver Medical College of New York city and had been on a business tour through California. He was enroute to his home in Tarrytown, N. Y.

The County association of the O. E. S. convenes at Lawrence on Tuesday May 8th. All who desire to go are requested to notify the secretary. There will be a picnic dinner at noon, and members are asked to bring plate, cup and silver.

The remains of Mrs. Wm. Terrell were taken to Plainwell for burial. Her maiden name was Elsie Beatrice Graham, she was twenty-six years of age and leaves a husband and two children.

## GARDEN PLANNED FOR THE SCHOOL

SCHOOL BOARD WOULD RENT FIVE ACRE PLOT TO BE DIVIDED AND ASSIGNED TO PUPILS OF GRADES.

## PUPILS TO HAVE PRODUCE

Plan is Worthy of Enthusiastic Co-operation of Parents. Benefits of Inestimable Value.

Superintendent Kaye is planning, with the co-operation of the School Board a mighty important feature for the local schools.

The plan is to rent a plot of about five acres of land near the school house for garden cultivation. The land would be put in condition for planting, and divided off into small parcels of 2 by 2, 4 and 4 by 8 rods. Members of the grades from the third to twelfth would be assigned one of these plots, on the condition that he would plant, cultivate and harvest the products of his garden. The profits derived therefrom would belong to the pupil who did the work.

The school would have the benefit of the assistance and advice of Farm Agent Farrant, Prof. Gottheimer and possibly State club leader, Linder-meyer of the Extension department of the M. A. C. in getting organized and started.

The pupils could enter their products in the competition for prizes offered by Judge Des Voignes at the Van Buren County Fair, and there is a possibility of some local competition scheme for prizes as an added incentive.

Superintendent Kaye reports that a number of cards returned by the pupils were unsigned by the parents, which would indicate that some do not understand the advantages of the scheme. We can think of nothing that would be of such lasting benefit to the pupil as work of this kind during the summer. The pupil who has a garden of his own would have some responsibility. He would have some occupation that would keep him from idleness at least a part of the time, and the training obtained in one of the most useful and healthful of all occupations would be of inestimable value. The plan should meet the approval, and have the enthusiastic co-operation of every parent who is a patron of the Paw Paw schools.

## OLDER MEN FORM COMPANY UNDER WINT (DAD) REYNOLDS.

Patriotism is not lacking among the older men of the village. Wint Reynolds is organizing a company of "Home Guard" every members of which must have passed the age of fifty years. One of the requirements of this company is that each member must work with a hoe and raise something to increase the food supply of the land. The older men have entered into the spirit of the hour just as eagerly and patriotically as the younger men have in the volunteer company, and (Dad) Reynolds expects to recruit a company of not less than seventy-five members.

## REBEKAHS GAVE THREE ACT COMEDY AT LAST MEETING.

A fine program was furnished at the last meeting of the Rebekah lodge and those who were not present missed a rare treat. A three act comedy "Our Rich Aunt" was given, in which Mesdames Coy, Mentor, Lofts and Young took the leading parts. The Misses Irene Wilcox and Ione McGuire sang a duet and responded to an encore. Mrs. Winnie Taylor also gave a musical number. A tableaux closed the program after which refreshments were served and it was a notable event for the Rebekahs.

"The Goose Girl" featuring Marguerite Clark at the Idle Hour was one of the best films ever presented to a Paw Paw audience. Shorty Hamilton in "Shorty Joins the Secret Service" will be on the boards for Saturday night, and on Wednesday night comes Mary Pickford in "Cinderella." A fine program both nights and the theatre should be crowded.